

General Statement to the Islamic Ummah and the World Concerning the Terrorist Measures against Muslims and their Sanctities in France

In the name of Allah, praise be to Him, and blessings and peace be upon our Prophet Muhammad, the Messenger of Allah.

During the past few weeks, the world has witnessed a continuous stream of aggression against Islamic sanctities from the French government, along with incitement against Muslims in France. Such aggression appeals to those who are full of spite towards Islam in Europe and serves different purposes, including deeply-rooted ideological standpoints and urgent election concerns.

It started with the support of the Macron government for insults to the Messenger of Allah, may Allah's prayers and peace be upon him. Then, the aggression expanded to impact the lives of Muslims in France and their freedom of religion, through the following:

- 1- **The offense to our Prophet**, may Allah's prayers and peace be upon him, through the insistence on publishing the offensive cartoons depicting him, and the endeavor to impose these cartoons through the French school curriculums; under the mantra of "freedom of expression".
- 2- **The government's pride** in announcing the closure of a large numbers of mosques and Islamic centers in France.
- 3- **The enactment of unfair laws** under the pretext of "fighting Islamic separatism"; as they call it. Such proposed laws are a blatant attack on the freedom of belief for Muslims and their ability to practice their religious rituals. The intention seems to be to strip Muslims of their beliefs, values, and morals using the long arm of anti-terrorism laws and threats of forcible deportment.
- 4- **The two-week notice period** accompanied by threats from the French President to Muslims, to sign a charter which secularizes Islam and imposes additional restrictions on Muslims; i.e. additional threats to prevent Muslims from practicing their religion.
- 5- **Singling out Muslim children** in schools and intimidating them if they dare to resent the offenses to their religion and their Prophet, may Allah's prayers and peace be upon him; and punishing their parents and guardians if they dare to request that their children not be shown the offensive cartoons.
- 6- **A parliamentary bill** to enact laws which criminalize taking photos of police personnel, in order to cover up their repressive practices.
- 7- **Attacking and terrorizing Muslim** children through house raids and police interrogations on charges of terrorism, because they rejected the offensive cartoons of our noble Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace.

Based on the aforementioned, and in view of all this aggression, we the undersigned:

1. Call upon all Muslims to boycott French products, in support of the Prophet, may Allah's prayers and peace be upon him, and in support of the Muslims in France. We remind them of the words of Allah Almighty in Surat As-Saff, which can be translated as: **"O you who have believed, be supporters of Allah"**. We urge them to promote and support the institutions that are committed to this boycott.
2. Call upon Muslim businessmen and merchants around the world to actively participate in this boycott.
3. Call upon our Muslim brothers in France to resort to Allah and stay steadfast, have patience, and insist on their rights.
4. Assure the Muslims in France that we stand with them in this tribulation, and remind them not to relent or abandon their religion in the face of this onslaught. If they accept the unfair conditions dictated to them, it clearly means their estrangement from their religion. Even if the effects of such concessions do not appear in their generation, they are almost certainly expected to appear in their children's generation. They must absolve themselves from everyone who agrees to these discriminatory conditions.
5. In fulfillment of the words of Allah Almighty in Surat Ali-Imran, which can be translated as: "You were the best Ummah that was brought forth to people", it is obligatory for every Muslim in Europe and the world to initiate the invitation of people to Islam, using all means at their disposal; each according to his own ability.
6. Warn Muslims against being drawn into actions which could be exploited by the French and international media to distort the image and goals of this campaign of championing the Messenger, may Allah's prayers and peace be upon him, and the boycott.
7. Call upon Muslims around the world to unify and coordinate efforts on social media sites by posting the following hashtags:
 - The Arabic hashtag: **#قاطع_فرنسا** (to reach the global "trend" limit)
 - The numbered Arabic hashtag: **#[رقم اليوم] مقاطعة_المنتجات_الفرنسية** (to reach the local "trend" limit)
 - The English hashtag: **#BoycottFrance** (to reach the global "trend" limit)

In conclusion, if we forsake our religion and fail to support the boycott of France; and if France succeeds in passing its plans, this may encourage others to follow suit in targeting the Muslims in their country. This threatens our existence as Muslims.

If we do not comply with the words of our Prophet, peace be upon him: "The believers in their mutual kindness, compassion and sympathy are just like a single body: When one of the limbs suffers, the whole body responds to it with wakefulness and fever.", then the alternative is: "Indeed, I was eaten the day the white bull was eaten!"

We ask Allah, may He be glorified and exalted, to support His religion, to unite the Muslims and to honor them.